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Claim 2 (Three times amended) A recombinant multimeric protein according to claim 1, wherein the C-terminal fragment of the α chain is contained between amino acids 493 and 549 (SEQ ID NO 7), and the C-terminal fragment of the β chain is contained between amino acids [176 and 235] 196-252 (SEQ ID NO 8).

Claim 11. In line 2, please replace [contains] with "containing".

Claim 13. In line 6, please replace [transduced] with "transducing".

Claim 18. In line 1, please replace [medicament] with " pharmaceutical preparation".

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Claim 22. (Twice Amended) A recombinant multimeric protein according to claim 1, wherein the C-terminal fragment of the α chain includes amino acids 510 to 549 (SEQ ID NO 9), and the C-terminal fragment of the β chain includes amino acids [199 to 235] 216-252 (SEQ ID NO 10).

Claim 24. (Once amended) A recombinant multimeric protein according to claim 23, wherein the cysteine residues of the C-terminal fragment of the α chain are located at positions 498 and 510 of SEQ ID 7 and the cysteine residues of the C-terminal fragment of the β chain are located at positions [185 and 199] 510 and 549 of SEQ ID NO 8.

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Claim 25. (Once Amended) A recombinant multimeric protein according to claim 23, wherein the [distance between the cysteine residues of the] C-terminal fragments of the α chain is [greater or lesser than 12] is contained between amino acids 541 and 597, and the [distance